



# Broadview

## GREEN GRID

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### News You Can Use: Construction Checklist

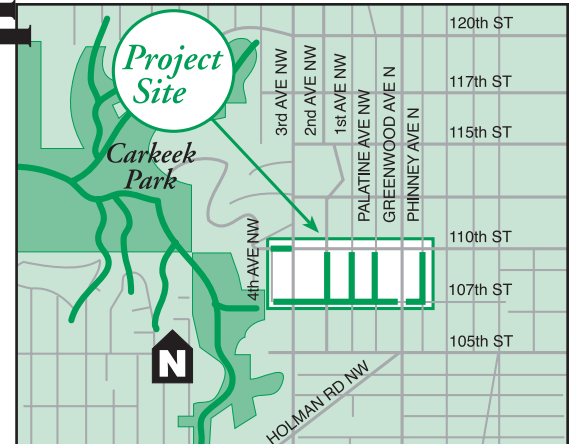
- ✓ Construction will start on 8-25 on 2nd Avenue NW.
- ✓ Parking restrictions will be posted on streets under construction.
- ✓ SPU will send regular Construction Updates with detailed construction information.
- ✓ The crews will work to minimize impacts, but call Jim Johnson if you have questions or concerns about the construction.
- ✓ If a situation develops on the project during non-working hours, and is an emergency, call 911. In a non-emergency situation, call SPU's Operations Control Center (OCC) at (206) 386-1230. The OCC maintains a list of 24-hour contacts for this project, and they will contact the appropriate person and/or dispatch SPU maintenance crews to address the situation.

## WELCOME

reetings! Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the August 19th Construction Open House at Viewlands Elementary. We hope you found the meeting informative and we look forward to hearing from you in the future. If you were not able to attend the meeting, this newsletter will provide much of the information you need to know prior to construction. Pay particular attention to the Construction Checklist in the sidebar to the left.

I am pleased to announce that construction of the Broadview Green Grid Natural Drainage System is scheduled to begin on August 25. Depending on where you live within the project area, you will notice different construction activities occurring at different times. More details on construction activities, construction scheduling and what you can expect are presented below in the "Spotlight" section. Please note that the information in this newsletter provides general information about what to expect during construction.

A spirit of cooperation between the City, the contractor and you will go a long way towards making this process a smooth one. Once construction



begins on your street, we will contact you with regular "Construction Updates" to inform you about project progress, construction activities and impacts. The contractor will make every effort to keep the construction site safe and secure. For your part, please use extra care on the streets where construction is taking place, even during non-working hours. And, as always, don't hesitate to call or send me an email if you have any questions.

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## SPOTLIGHT

### *Construction Activities*

### *When and where will construction take place?*

The contractor, Gary Merlino Construction, will begin construction on August 25 and 2nd Avenue NW. The construction schedule has not yet been finalized for the other avenues and streets within the project area. We will send Construction Updates notifying you at least two weeks prior to construction beginning on your street. To minimize impacts to on-street parking, the contractor will not be working on avenues that are right next to each other at the same time.

After the 25th, residents on 2nd Avenue will notice an increase in activity; full construction will begin

after Labor Day. At this time, work on the next street, Palatine, is scheduled to start in late September.

### **How long will construction take and how will I be affected?**

The construction of a natural drainage system along one block, not including landscaping, can take up to 8 weeks to complete, not including landscaping. During construction, the contractor will work both in the street and along property frontages. Construction activities include: installing culvert pipes, excavating ponds, placing of amended soils, and in some cases pond

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liners or underdrains, installing new sidewalks, and realigning and paving the roadway surface.

While construction is underway on your street, you will experience some restrictions to traffic flow and parking. We will attempt to keep access to the streets open as much as possible during work hours. At night and on weekends, roadway access is expected to be unrestricted. However, certain construction activities will require the contractor to close the street for a short period of time during the work day. There could also be some closures that could include nights or weekends to allow materials, such as paving, to dry or cure. This will impact access to your house, driveway, and street parking. We will inform you of these closures ahead of time in street/avenue-specific Construction Updates. Cynthia Blazina, our on-site Resident Engineer, will coordinate with homeowners who have specific access needs. Prior to, and during construction, the alleys will be maintained so that they are passable for average passenger vehicles.

Per the City's Noise Control Ordinance, allowable work hours for this project are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays, and 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. on weekends. It is important to note that we DO NOT expect the contractor to regularly work until 10:00 PM at night. If you notice work taking place outside these allowed hours, contact Jim.

At this time we expect that the contractor will generally be working

sometime between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays. Due to the size and nature of this project, there will be noticeable construction impacts during working hours. You can expect loud and/or repetitive noise, vibration, dust, dirty streets, and some utility disruptions. In addition, the contractor may need to use streets that are not under construction for equipment and/or materials storage. Last but not least, several construction tasks are weather dependent, and rainy conditions may cause periods of inactivity or disruptions to the work schedule. Although efforts will be made to minimize these impacts, we would like to thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation during construction. Again, the detailed impacts per street will be announced in specific Construction Updates for those streets. We will continue to keep the entire community updated on the progress with general updates via a smaller version of this monthly newsletter, so you can begin to anticipate when we might arrive on your street.

## **When will landscaping occur?**

Landscaping will generally begin after construction has been completed on a particular street. However, depending on weather conditions and the season, there may be a gap between when construction ends and when planting begins. For example, if construction is completed during the winter or spring seasons, planting can begin almost immediately. If construction on a particular block is completed during the summer months, landscaping will be postponed until the wetter and cooler months in the fall. 🌱



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